

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5115–S5146

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2493–2527, and S. Res. 325–327. **Pages S5140–41**

Measures Reported:

S. 1471, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage. (S. Rept. No. 117–33)

S. Res. 310, expressing solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms, condemning the Cuban regime's acts of repression, and calling for the immediate release of arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 812, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization. **Page S5140**

Measures Considered:

Invest In America Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. **Page S5137**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5136**

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, was agreed to. **Page S5137**

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By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 285), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5137**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 29, 2021; and that all time during adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the motion to proceed. **Page S5146**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 282), Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2023. **Pages S5118–27**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EXT. 281), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5119**

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 284), David M. Prouty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2026. **Pages S5128–37**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EXT. 283), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5128**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Adrienne Wojciechowski, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra.

Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Erik Adrian Hooks, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

William J. Valdez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S5146**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S5119, S5127–28, S5136–37**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Alexander Hoehn-Saric, of Maryland, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, and Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, each to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPACTS OF OVERCROWDING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of overcrowding in our national parks on park resources and visitor experiences, fo-

cusing on strategic approaches to visitor use management, after receiving testimony from Michael T. Reynolds, Regional Director for Interior Regions 6, 7, and 8, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Kristen Brengel, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin O. Gartland, Chamber of Commerce, Whitefish, Montana.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the benefits of investing in United States Army Corps of Engineers water infrastructure projects, after receiving testimony from Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.; Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; Amy W. Larson, Larson Strategies, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert McCoy, Amherst Madison, Charleston, West Virginia, on behalf of the Waterways Council, Inc.

BIPARTISAN RETIREMENT LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building on bipartisan retirement legislation, focusing on how Congress can help, after receiving testimony from Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer, Salem; Aliya Robinson, The ERISA Industry Committee, and David Certner, AARP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Brian H. Graff, American Retirement Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2297, to improve global health, with an amendment;

S. 812, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization;

S. Res. 310, expressing solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms, condemning the Cuban regime's acts of repression, and calling for the immediate release of arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens, with an amendment; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Menendez,